(In Lakh MTs)

YEAR	PRODUCTION			CONSUMPTION		
	N	P	TOTAL	N	P	TOTAL
1997-98	100.86	29.76	130.62	109.02	39.13	148.15
1998-99	104.69	31.41	136.10	113.54	41.12	154.66
1999-2000	107.27	33.99	141.26	115.92	47.98	163.90
2000-2001	109.62	37.43	147.05	109.20	42.15	151.35
2001-2002 (Estimated)	108.03	39.45	147.48	58.63*	23.47*	82.10*

*The figures are upto Kharif 2001.

(e) The projection made for production of fertilizer in the Tenth Five Year Plan both in Public & Private Sectors, based on 100% utilization of the existing capacity is given below:

(In Lakh MTs)

YEAR	'N'	'P'	TOTAL
2002-2003	120.58	52.31	172.89
2003-2004	121.74	52.31	174.05
2004-2005	121.74	52.31	174.05
2005-2006	121.74	52.31	174.05
2006-2007	129.28	52.31	181.59

Consumption norms and recoveries from urea manufacturing units

191. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goverment has issued a notification on 5th November, 2001 revising input consumption norms, per ton of urea and imposed heavy recoveries on urea manufacturing units; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are aware that a large number of fertilizer units have been facing closure on account of this notification as they are not in a position to bear the burden of such heavy recovery; and

(c) whether Government propose to withdraw this notification and if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. In order to contain the outflow of subsidy and fix the consumption norms at the realistic level, Government has revised the consumption norms of the urea units on interim basis w.e.f. 1.4.2000. These consumption norms are based on the actual levels achieved in 1999-2000, or the existing level, whichever is lower. The retention prices have also been revised correspondingly, ad interim. This revision has led to reduction in retention prices in respect of some units. Such revision is, however, only an interim arrangement and is subject to the decision of the Government on the policy parameters for VII and VIII pricing periods which will include consumption norms also, and will be effective from 1.7.1997.

(b) Although two urea companies namely Duncans Industries Ltd., Kanpur and Mangalore Chemicals and Industries Ltd., Mangalore, have served notices for closure of the units to their respective State Governments, the Union Government has not received any communication from the State Governments conveying their decision on the closure notices.

(c) As the consumption norms have been revised on the basis of actual levels achieved in 1999-2000, or existing level, whichever is lower, the Government does not intend to withdraw the communication dated 5.11.2001 notifying the revision in retention prices of urea units consequent interim revision of consumption norms w.e.f.1.4.2000.

New Drug Policy

192. SHRI ANANTA SETHI:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA CHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated a new drug policy;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) by when it is likely to be announced;

(d) from which date it is being implemented;